

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A structure for waterproofing a terminal-wire connecting portion comprising:
 - a wire including a conductor portion and an insulating sheath; and
 - a terminal including a substantially cylindrical wire connection portion,wherein the conductor portion and the insulating sheath are inserted in the wire connection portion, and the wire connection portion is pressed radially uniformly over an entire periphery of the wire connection portion and over an entire length of the wire connection portion so that the conductor portion and the insulating sheath are held in intimate contact with an inner peripheral surface of the wire connection portion, and
 - the diameter of the wire connection portion is uniformly reduced over an entire periphery and an entire length of the wire connection portion.
2. (original): The structure according to claim 1, wherein
 - the wire connection portion includes a smaller-diameter insertion hole for the conductor portion and a larger-diameter insertion hole for the insulating sheath, the smaller-diameter and larger-diameter insertion holes being disposed in coaxial relation to each other.

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended): Method of waterproofing a terminal-wire connecting portion comprising the steps of:

simultaneously inserting a conductor portion and an insulating sheath of a wire into a substantially cylindrical wire connection portion of a terminal; and

pressing radially uniformly the wire connection portion over an entire periphery ;

wherein the wire connection portion is compressively plastically deformed so that the diameter of the wire connection portion is uniformly reduced over an entire periphery and an entire length of the wire connection portion.

6. (original): The method according to claim 5, wherein

the conductor portion is inserted into a smaller-diameter insertion hole formed in the wire connection portion,

the insulating sheath is inserted into a larger-diameter insertion hole formed in the wire connection portion in coaxial relation to the smaller-diameter insertion hole, and

the smaller-diameter and larger-diameter insertion holes are pressed radially.

Claims 7 and 8 (cancelled).

9. (original): The method according to claim 5, wherein the pressing is effected by a rotary swaging machine.